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For: METHOD OF CUTTING OBJECT )  
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**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

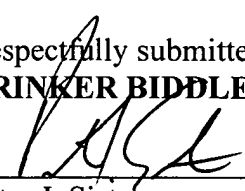
**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 14, 2008, the period for response to which extends through August 14, 2008 by a four-month extension of time petitioned for herein, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention identified in the Office Action as Species II. Applicants submit that claims 14, 18, 26 and 29 are readable on the elected species. In this regard, Applicants note that the Election of Species Requirement indicates that claims 10-23 are pending. However, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner that a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment was filed in the instant application on February 23, 2007 in which claims 24-29 were added. Thus, claims 10-29 are pending in the instant application. Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this response. However, if there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,  
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